

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)
Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council
Thursday, May 17, 2018
Minutes – Unofficial

The May 17, 2018 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Advisory Council was called to order at 1:18 P.M.

Members present were: Ms. Carolyn Bombet, Ms. Melanie Bronfin, Dr. Jeanne Burns, Ms. Carole Elliot, Mr. James Evans, Ms. Dionne Frost, Dr. Toni Ledet, Ms. Leslie Lewis, Dr. Tamanika Odinga, Ms. Paula Polito, Dr. Anthony Recasner, Ms. Abigail Iron Rope, Mr. John Warner Smith, Ms. Patricia Triche, Dr. Roberta Vicari, Mr. Kahree Wahid and Mr. Alan Young. Lt. Richard Swearingen served as a proxy for Captain Stacey Barrett. Senator Regina Barrow, Ms. Maria Blanco, Ms. Renee Broussard, Ms. Ashley Byrd, Ms. Contessia Brooks, Lt. Lorre Claiborne, Ms. Tasha Dennis, Representative Frank Hoffman, Ms. Linda Lambert, Senator Beth Mizell, Representative Patricia Smith, Ms. Kellie Taylor-White were absent.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Jenna Conway.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Paula Polito.

Public comment was received from Ms. Nancy Alexander, Ms. Gina Cahee, Ms. Kim Duncan, Ms. Tessa Holloway, Ms. Anita Kennedy, Ms. Christy Miranda, Ms. Amanda Rideaux, Ms. Monique Rouege, Ms. Paula Schott, and Ms. Susan Sinitine.

Mr. Young made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council. The Council's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Dr. Vicari, and seconded by Dr. Recasner, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council approved the minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting of the Council.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Chapter 1 (*Definitions*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

- 2 On motion of Dr. Odinga, and seconded by Dr. Recasner, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Chapter 1 (*Definitions*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Chapter 3 (*Types of Licenses*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

- 3 On motion of Dr. Recasner, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Chapter 3 (*General Provisions*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Chapter 7 (*Licensing Process and Procedure*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

- 4 On motion of Dr. Vicari, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Chapter 7 (*Licensing Process and Procedure*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations* with the following recommendation that §713.A be revised to allow approvals to be submitted to the department within 90 calendar days of the date of the license renewal.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Chapter 9 (*Changes Requiring a New License*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

- 5 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Recasner, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Chapter 9 (*Changes Requiring a New License*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Chapter 13 (*Denial, Revocation or Refusal to Renew*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

- 6 On motion of Dr. Vicari, and seconded by Dr. Recasner, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Chapter 13 (*Denial, Revocation or Refusal to Renew*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Chapter 15 (*Minimum General Requirements and Standards*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

- 7 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Iron Rope, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Chapter 15 (*Minimum General Requirements and*

Standards) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations* with the following recommendations for §1509.A.9.b:

- Mr. Alan Young made a motion to exclude the proposed revision to change the maximum amount of time for electronic device activities for children ages two and above to not exceed one hour per day. No second was received, the motion failed.
- A recommendation to add “time allowed for electronic device activities for children ages two and above shall not exceed one hour per day” was proposed.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Bronfin, Dr. Burns, Ms. Elliot, Mr. Evans, Ms. Frost, Dr. Odinga, Ms. Polito, Dr. Recasner, Ms. Iron Rope, Mr. Smith, Dr. Vicari

Nays: Ms. Triche, Mr. Young

The motion passed.

- A recommendation that for children ages six and above the department follow the recommendation from the American Academy of Pediatrics in regards to time allowed for electronic device activities.
- A recommendation that for children ages 2 to 5, a provision be added to §1509.A.9.b allowing flexibility for special circumstances in regards to time allowed for electronic device activities.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Chapter 17 (*Minimum Staffing Requirements and Standards*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

8 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Iron Rope, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Chapter 17 (*Minimum Staffing Requirements and Standards*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations* with the following recommendations:

- In §1709.C, a recommendation that the language “the first day on site” replace “date of hire.”
- In §1709.C, a recommendation was made that the language read “A director who was qualified on the director’s date of hire remains qualified while employed as a director at a licensed center with a break of employment of no more than 90 days.”
- In §1711.F, a recommendation was made that revised ratios for Type I centers for children ages 3 years and above be in place as of July 1, 2020, and that revised ratios for infants, 1 year olds, and 2 year olds be in place as of July 1, 2021.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Ms. Bronfin, Dr. Burns, Ms. Elliot, Mr. Evans, Ms. Frost, Dr. Odinga, Ms. Polito, Dr. Recasner, Ms. Iron Rope, Ms. Triche, Dr. Vicari, Mr. Young

Nays: Mr. Smith

- In §1723.A-C, a recommendation was made that the department should explore options to use CCDF funding to help mediate the costs for pediatric first aid training and report back to the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council.
- In §1725.B, a recommendation was made that early learning centers shall have at least one staff member trained in medication administration on the premises.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Chapter 18 (*Child Care Criminal Background Checks (CCCBC)*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

- 9 On motion of Dr. Recasner, and seconded by Ms. Iron Rope, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Chapter 18 (*Child Care Criminal Background Checks (CCCBC)*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation on the proposed revisions to Chapter 19 (*Minimum Health, Safety, and Environment Requirements and Standards*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations*.

- 10 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Iron Rope, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the proposed revisions to Chapter 19 (*Minimum Health, Safety, and Environment Requirements and Standards*) of Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations* with the following recommendations:

- A recommendation that §1921.C.7 remove the requirement that age appropriate food, including formula, be removed from the emergency pack requirements.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation of Louisiana's Child Care and Development Fun State Plan.

- 11 On motion of Dr. Recasner, and seconded by Dr. Vicari, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council endorsed the Louisiana's Child Care and Development Fun State Plan.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation of Louisiana's 2018 Market Rate Survey.

- 12 On motion of Dr. Recasner, and seconded by Dr. Vicari, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received Louisiana's 2018 Market Rate Survey.

Jenna Conway provided a presentation of Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report – Quarter 1.

- 13 On motion of Dr. Recasner, and seconded by Mr. Young, the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council received the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council Quarterly Report – Quarter 1.

- 14 On motion of Mr. Young, and seconded by Dr. Recasner, and with no further business to come before the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council, the May 17, 2018 meeting of the Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.